



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
MARK CHANDLER *et al.* : Attorney Dkt. No.: 215063.2301
Appl. No. 09/662,790 : Group Art Unit: 1631
Filed: September 15, 2000 : Examiner: Lori A. Clow
For: CREATION OF A DATABASE OF BIOCHEMICAL DATA AND METHODS OF USE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to Examiner's Restriction or Election Requirement (Paper No. 8), mailed December 31, 2002, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, Applicant makes the following response to the restriction requirement with election. Submitted herewith is: (a) Exhibit A, a copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the present amendments.

FORMALITIES

Please change the Attorney Docket No. to "215063.02301."

ELECTION

Claims 1-38 were pending in the application. Upon entry of the following election, Claims 1-7 will be pending and under active consideration. Claim 1 is independent.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, corresponding to Claims 1-7, as subject matter for examination in this case.

CONCLUSION

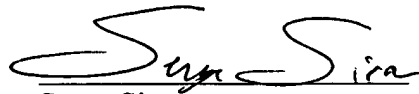
Election of the claims of Group I, as defined by the Examiner, is made in response to the Restriction or Election Requirement. Prompt examination of the subject application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicants believe there is no fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

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